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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5601**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Franklin, Winsley, Costa, Fraser and Kohl-Welles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a limited license to practice medicine; amending  
2 RCW 18.71.095; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.71.095 and 1996 c 191 s 54 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The commission may, without examination, issue a limited license to  
7 persons who possess the qualifications set forth herein:

8 (1) The commission may, upon the written request of the secretary  
9 of the department of social and health services or the secretary of  
10 corrections, issue a limited license to practice medicine in this state  
11 to persons who have been accepted for employment by the department of  
12 social and health services or the department of corrections as  
13 physicians; who are licensed to practice medicine in another state of  
14 the United States or in the country of Canada or any province or  
15 territory thereof; and who meet all of the qualifications for licensure  
16 set forth in RCW 18.71.050.

17 Such license shall permit the holder thereof to practice medicine  
18 only in connection with patients, residents, or inmates of the state  
19 institutions under the control and supervision of the secretary of the

1 department of social and health services or the department of  
2 corrections.

3 (2) The commission may issue a limited license to practice medicine  
4 in this state to persons who have been accepted for employment by a  
5 county or city health department as physicians; who are licensed to  
6 practice medicine in another state of the United States or in the  
7 country of Canada or any province or territory thereof; and who meet  
8 all of the qualifications for licensure set forth in RCW 18.71.050.

9 Such license shall permit the holder thereof to practice medicine  
10 only in connection with his or her duties in employment with the city  
11 or county health department.

12 (3) Upon receipt of a completed application showing that the  
13 applicant meets all of the requirements for licensure set forth in RCW  
14 18.71.050 except for completion of two years of postgraduate medical  
15 training, and that the applicant has been appointed as a resident  
16 physician in a program of postgraduate clinical training in this state  
17 approved by the commission, the commission may issue a limited license  
18 to a resident physician. Such license shall permit the resident  
19 physician to practice medicine only in connection with his or her  
20 duties as a resident physician and shall not authorize the physician to  
21 engage in any other form of practice. Each resident physician shall  
22 practice medicine only under the supervision and control of a physician  
23 licensed in this state, but such supervision and control shall not be  
24 construed to necessarily require the personal presence of the  
25 supervising physician at the place where services are rendered.

26 (4)(a) Upon nomination by the dean of the school of medicine at the  
27 University of Washington or the chief executive officer of a hospital  
28 or other appropriate health care facility licensed in the state of  
29 Washington, the commission may issue a limited license to a physician  
30 applicant invited to serve as a teaching-research member of the  
31 institution's instructional staff if the sponsoring institution and the  
32 applicant give evidence that he or she has graduated from a recognized  
33 medical school and has been licensed or otherwise privileged to  
34 practice medicine at his or her location of origin. Such license shall  
35 permit the recipient to practice medicine only within the confines of  
36 the instructional program specified in the application and shall  
37 terminate whenever the holder ceases to be involved in that program, or  
38 at the end of one year, whichever is earlier. Upon request of the

1 applicant and the institutional authority, the license may be renewed  
2 (~~for no more than a total of two years~~)).

3 (b) Upon nomination by the dean of the school of medicine of the  
4 University of Washington or the chief executive officer of any hospital  
5 or appropriate health care facility licensed in the state of  
6 Washington, the commission may issue a limited license to an applicant  
7 selected by the sponsoring institution to be enrolled in one of its  
8 designated departmental or divisional fellowship programs provided that  
9 the applicant shall have graduated from a recognized medical school and  
10 has been granted a license or other appropriate certificate to practice  
11 medicine in the location of the applicant's origin. Such license shall  
12 permit the holder only to practice medicine within the confines of the  
13 fellowship program to which he or she has been appointed and, upon the  
14 request of the applicant and the sponsoring institution, the license  
15 may be renewed by the commission for no more than a total of two years.

16 All persons licensed under this section shall be subject to the  
17 jurisdiction of the commission to the same extent as other members of  
18 the medical profession, in accordance with this chapter and chapter  
19 18.130 RCW.

20 Persons applying for licensure and renewing licenses pursuant to  
21 this section shall comply with administrative procedures,  
22 administrative requirements, and fees determined as provided in RCW  
23 43.70.250 and 43.70.280. Any person who obtains a limited license  
24 pursuant to this section may apply for licensure under this chapter,  
25 but shall submit a new application form and comply with all other  
26 licensing requirements of this chapter.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
30 immediately.

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